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URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL OFFICES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that many commercial offices are operating illegally in the residential colonies of Delhi especially in the Hauz Khas and Green Park areas of South Delhi;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted to identify such offices operating in the basements and/or otherwise, causing safety hazards;

(c) whether the Union Government have permitted these business organizations to run their offices in the aforesaid areas; and

(d) if not, the time by which such illegal offices are likely to be closed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)to(d): The Master Plan of Delhi 2001 & Zonal Plan allow some shops in residential area under the mixed use policy, subject to certain stipulations wherein certain types of shops are not permitted/are excluded. In the approved zonal plans, mixed land use streets have been identified where activities other than residential have been permitted.

As per Government`s Notification dated 23.7.98 professional activity has been allowed in residential plots and flats on any floor on the condition that part of the premises shall be permitted to be used upto a maximum of 5% of FAR or 100 sq.metres whichever is less, for non-residential but non- nuisance activities for rendering service based on professional skills.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has informed that asand when any commercial activity is found running illegally in residential colonies of Delhi, prosecution action is taken against the mis-user under Section 347/461 of Delhi Municipal Council Act, 1957. The MCD has also informed that it has not permitted any business organization to run any office in areas under reference.